

APRIL 9, 2008

The South Harrison Township Committee held a finance and regular meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at 7:00 and 7:30 p.m. in the South Harrison Township Municipal Building.

Mayor Charles T. Tyson called the meeting to order and was followed by the flag salute.

Requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" were met. Notice of this meeting was given by: (1) sending sufficient notice herewith to the Today's Sunbeam of Salem and the Gloucester County Times of Woodbury; and (2) posting notice on the public bulletin board at the South Harrison Township Municipal Building.

Roll Call: James McCall - present, Cornelius McIntyre – present, Charles Tyson - present, Robert Campbell – present, Gary Spinner – present, Christie Melfi, Chief Finance Officer - present, John Eastlack, Solicitor - present, Richard Fini, Engineer – present, Colleen Bianco, Administrator – present, Nancy Kearns, Municipal Clerk - present.

Committee Reports:

Police Department – January 2008 Report

Chief Mabey updated the Committee advising, that the Department has come up with an expanded coverage schedule. This schedule is going to be implemented on a 3 month trial basis starting next month. This will allow for coverage 7 days a week, 20 hours per day. Although the State is talking about charging municipalities for State Police coverage there is no formula or figures at this time. Chief Mabey reported that motor vehicle crashes have been cut in more than half over the same time period from last year. Criminal arrests have more than doubled. False alarms for this year are 56, last year at this time over 70. Calls to the State Police have been cut in half for this first quarter.

Construction Code Official – January 2008 Report

Rich Fini of Bach Engineering reported that they are working on Ashford Estates, reviewing the storm water designs for Phases I and III, Crossroads at Mullica Phases II and III reviewing "as built" for storm sewer; at Cambridge Meadows they are continuing to do construction inspections, as well as lot grading reviews, and it's the same for Hickory Ridge. Springstone Estates have not completed their site improvements yet. Bach is working with Colleen Bianco and Dave Datz to submit an application for Safe Routes to School grant.

Tax Collector's Report: Taxes collected for the month of March were \$172,103.77. Deputy Mayor Campbell requested Colleen to get with Maria to confirm the dollar value of the tax abatements.

Treasurer's Report: No additions.

Old Business:

Colleen Bianco gave an update on the revaluation project. Tom Colavecchio, Tax Assessor will be getting the technical piece of the RFP and John Eastlack and Colleen are working on the administrative piece, which would allow us to go in house, if the proposals come in high. When that is done you will be receiving it for review. We're hoping the RFP will be out in 3 weeks and the goal is to have the revaluation done by the end of November 2008.

Committeeman Spinner asked about the web site updating. Colleen advised that software is needed to do the updating, and as we are still considering who to select as the IT person. Once selected, and if they own the software, we can develop a relationship with them to do the website; they would start the updating, day one, but if we redesign it

will take more time. Deputy Mayor Campbell spoke about Dan Webster and Matt Warner being IT professionals, I would like one or two of these guys look at the top choices and advise us accordingly. Colleen, respectfully disagreed they don't always get back to her, because they are volunteers. I don't know that I agree with someone who has never worked in municipal government or who has never been in the building day to day advising us on what our needs are. They both saw the RFP and were comfortable with what we put out and they chose not to recommend anything.

New Business:

Colleen Bianco gave an update report on the grant applications. We have applied for 3 grants. 2 county CDBG grants (one for ADA picnic tables for the park and another for reconstruction of Lake Street) and 1 Smart Future grant for the development of an agriculture retention plan.

Resolution R-08-48 Resolution Appointing officers to the Advisory Board of Economic Development of the Township of South Harrison, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey for the Terms Specified

Motion to adopt Resolution R-08-48 was made by James McCall, second by Gary Spinner.

Roll Call Vote: James McCall - yes, Cornelius McIntyre - yes, Charles Tyson – yes, Robert Campbell – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 - no's. Motion carried.**

Resolution R-08-49 Resolution Appointing Officers to the Board of Recreation Commissioners

Motion to adopt Resolution R-08-49 was made by Gary Spinner, second by Robert Campbell.

Roll Call Vote: James McCall - abstained, Cornelius McIntyre - yes, Charles Tyson – yes, Robert Campbell – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.: 4- yes', 0 - no's, 1 - abstention. Motion carried.**

Resolution R-08-50 Resolution Appointing Joseph Wille to the Positions of Construction Code Official

Motion to adopt Resolution R-08-50 was made by Robert Campbell, second by James McCall.

Roll Call Vote: James McCall - yes, Cornelius McIntyre - yes, Charles Tyson – yes, Robert Campbell – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 - no's. Motion carried.**

Resolution R-08-51 Resolution of Support Regarding the County of Gloucester's Regional Economic Planning Program Phases One and Two

Motion to adopt Resolution R-08-51 was made by Gary Spinner, second by Robert Campbell.

Roll Call Vote: James McCall - yes, Cornelius McIntyre - yes, Charles Tyson – yes, Robert Campbell – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 - no's. Motion carried.**

Resolution R-08-52 Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of South Harrison Authorizing the Execution of the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety Aggressive Driving Enforcement Program

Motion to adopt Resolution R-08-52 was made by Cornelius McIntyre, second by Gary Spinner.

Roll Call Vote: James McCall - yes, Cornelius McIntyre - yes, Charles Tyson – yes, Robert Campbell – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 - no's. Motion carried.**

Resolution R-08-53

2008 Second Temporary Budget for the Township of South Harrison

Motion to adopt Resolution R-08-53 was made by James McCall, second by Robert Campbell.

Roll Call Vote: James McCall - yes, Cornelius McIntyre - yes, Charles Tyson – yes, Robert Campbell – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 - no's. Motion carried.**

Resolution R-08-54

Resolution for Excluding the Public (Contract Negotiations)

Motion to adopt Resolution R-08-54 was made by Gary Spinner, second by Cornelius McIntyre.

Roll Call Vote: James McCall - yes, Cornelius McIntyre - yes, Charles Tyson – yes, Robert Campbell – yes, Gary Spinner – yes. **R.C.V.: 5 - yes', 0 - no's. Motion carried.**

Open Meeting to the Public:

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Gary Spinner, second by Robert Campbell. Motion carried.

Sara Freeman, 781 Eldridges Hill Road asked about Lake Street and if the grant is not approved what can be done. Colleen Bianco advised that if the grant isn't approved it will be resubmitted and depending on what we have in capital funds it will be discussed with Public Works and the Engineer as to what the options are for doing it without a grant. The information from Fish & Game is they will be starting in May. Mike Micklasavage speaks with Fish & Game weekly on updates.

Theresa Roeder, Saddlebrook asked if there is anybody lined up to start mowing the basins in two weeks. Mr. Eastlack stated there is no body lined up, but we do have this on the closed session agenda.

Theresa Roeder advised that there is an announcement ready to go for the 125th Anniversary Picnic on May 31, which includes a list of events that will take place during the old fashioned picnic, along with the other events the Recreation Commission is looking to do throughout the year.

Robert Gaines, 921 Franklinville Road asked about the park and when the work will get done there. There was work being done there and then it stopped. Mr. Eastlack responded that there was a builder doing some work out there, pursuant to a development that was supposed to be completed. The development was never completed at all and wasn't followed through on by the owner/developer. As a result of that their committed to doing the work out there dissipated. Committeeman McCall stated there was never any commitment to do anything at the ball fields. As far as the ball fields, in the past there were volunteers doing the ball fields. Steve Bach advised that the Phase I project at the park is 100% complete. If there are going to be any future phases, public works and our office will be coordinating that to bring before the Committee. That way any work that is done at the park will have a formal proposal.

Joe Calabro, 374 Lincoln Road asked about a sign for Cedar Grove Road where it ends at County Routes 538 and 581. Colleen believes that the sign has been ordered and she will check on it. Mr. Calabro spoke about the pipe that crosses Cedar Grove Road stating the road is sinking. Mr. Fini advised that the contractor has not submitted the bond. Mr. Bach advised that his office is doing follow up correspondence with the contractor, the process is under way and if not resolved his office will recommend that Mr. Eastlack get involved.

Mary Howard, 4 Hollybrook addressed the Committee representing the Girl Scouts. Ms. Howard advised that she talked with Mr. Datz and Mrs. Cunningham and is on their agenda for the 22nd to discuss the issue of the meetings. She has submitted the forms for use of the building for next year. Ms. Howard thanked Mr. Spinner and Mr. McIntyre for getting back to the Girl Scouts and updating them on their meetings with Mr. Datz.

Joe Wille, Lincoln Road asked about the reevaluation and what the cost will be. Committeeman McCall responded that it is approximately \$175,000.00 and the Committee has been setting the money aside with a dedicated by rider resolution. Deputy Mayor Campbell advised that Tom Colavecchio is a registered tax assessor as well as a licensed tax assessor and recently spoke with him and at that time his estimate was \$140,000.00 and \$35,000.00 for the tax maps.

Ben Freeman, 781 Eldridges Hill asked to have Economic Planning Phases I and II explained. Mayor Tyson responded that it is when the towns get together and sort through different ways of bringing income to the different towns, which suit their needs and balance out the businesses. Mr. Freeman asked what the tax rate is and was advised that the rate is 3.46 and the municipal portion is .145.

Close Meeting to the Public:

Motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Gary Spinner, second by Cornelius McIntyre. Motion carried.

Return to Open Session:

Motion to return to open session was made by Gary Spinner, second by Robert Campbell. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Cornelius McIntyre, second by Gary Spinner. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Kearns, RMC
Municipal Clerk